

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract at page 13 to read as follows:

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~~A b s t r a c t~~ ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a novel process for preparing 2,4,5-trimethylphenyl-acetic acid [[,]] ~~in which~~ by reacting pseudocumene ~~is reacted~~ with dichloroacetyl chloride in a Friedel-Crafts reaction to give 2,2-dichloro-1-(2,4,5-trimethylphenyl)-ethanone, ~~and~~ converting the 2,2-dichloro-1-(2,4,5-trimethylphenyl)ethanone to 2,4,5-trimethylmandelic acid ~~is prepared from it~~ using an alkali metal hydroxide and ~~reduced~~ reducing the 2,4,5-trimethylmandelic acid to 2,4,5-trimethylphenylacetic acid. --